

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as shown below:

Please replace paragraph [0052] with the following paragraph:

[0052] It may furthermore be advantageous for the production of amino acids, in addition to the attenuation of the *deaD* gene, for one or more of the genes chosen from the group consisting of:

- the *pck* gene which codes for phosphoenol pyruvate carboxykinase (DE 199 50 409.1 I.B.R.; DSM 13047),
- the *pgi* gene which codes for glucose 6-phosphate isomerase (US Pat. No. 6,586,214 09/396,478 I.B.R.; DSM 12969),
- the *poxB* gene which codes for pyruvate oxidase (DE: 1995 1975.7 I.B.R.; DSM 13114),
- the *zwa2* gene which codes for the Zwa2 protein (DE: 19959327.2 I.B.R., DSM 13113)

to be attenuated, in particular for the expression thereof to be reduced.

Please replace paragraph [0062] with the following paragraph:

[0058] The following microorganism was deposited as a pure culture on 22nd August 2001 at the Deutsche Sammlung für Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen (DSMZ = German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Mascheroder Weg 1b D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany) in accordance with the Budapest treaty:

- *Escherichia coli* Top10/pXK99E*deaD* as DSM 14464.

Please replace paragraph [0077] with the following paragraph:

[0077] Example 3

Preparation of the expression vector pXK99EdeaD for IPTG-induced expression of the
deaD gene in *C. glutamicum*